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1. HEAD ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS HAS GIVEN FAVORABLE REPLY TO POST'S BICENTENNIAL PROJECT TO FUND PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND ESTABLISH RESOURCE CENTER IN SAME FIELD WITHIN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT. MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, REPORTEDLY CONCUR.

2. MINISTRY CAN PAY SALARY OF TD 440 PER MONTH FOR TWELVE MONTHS (TOTAL EQUIVALENT APP. \$12,600), WILL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, FREE TIME FOR RESEARCH, SPACE FOR RESOURCE CENTER. ESTIMATE TOTAL VALUE LOCAL SPONSOR'S CONTRIBUTION EQUIVALENT \$18,000 - 20,000. WILL SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSAL BEFORE JANUARY 15. KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH, HOWEVER, IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE, THOUGH ALL INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT IS IN ENGLISH. FRENCH OR ARABIC ESSENTIAL FOR ALL CONTACTS OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT.

4. APPARENT TUNISIAN APPROVAL IS RESULT OF SUSTAINED EMBASSY EFFORTS. FROM BEGINNING, UNIVERSITY SHOWED INTEREST, BUT IT HAS REQUIRED PERSISTENT AND PATIENT EFFORT ARRIVE AT POINT WE HAVE NOW REACHED. WE URGE THEREFORE THAT AGENCY

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INCLUDE TUNISIA IN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM OUTLINED CM 929, 1611,

AND THAT AGENCY BEGIN RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR HIGHLY QUAL-
IFIED SCHOLAR IN AMERICAN STUDIES WITH EMPHASIS ON AMERICAN LIT-
ERATURE FOR FALL TERM 1975 ASAP. SEELYE

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